

Robert A. Goering Hamilton County Treasurer

EXTENDED PAYMENT DATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

House Bill No. 390, which became effective March 4, 2002, allows an extension of time for payment of real estate and manufactured home taxes for certain property owners called to active duty. Details below:

Qualifying property includes property

- Owned by a member of the National Guard or a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who is called to active duty as a result of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, or the directive issued by the Governor on September 28, 2001, or a successor to that directive.
- Owned by the spouse of such a member.
- Owned jointly by such member and that member's spouse or dependent parent.
- Owned by a dependent parent of such a member who dies during such active duty.

Benefits for qualified property

- Payment of taxes and assessments payable during the member's period of active duty and the six months following termination of that duty are delayed until the seventh month after the member's active duty ends.
- If the extended taxes are escrowed with a mortgage payment, the taxpayer may request that monthly mortgage payments be reduced by the amount of escrowed taxes for the period of the military member's active duty.

Application process

- An application must be completed by the member, or by that member's spouse or dependent parent.
- The application must be completed and an installment contract entered into no later than the last day of the sixth month following termination of active duty.
- Proof of eligibility must be provided with application (copy of military orders or other documentation).
- Qualified applicants will enter into a contract to pay the deferred taxes in installments beginning in the seventh month following the end of the member's duty.

If you think you qualify, here's how to contact the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office.

- Phone numbers—513.946-4800/4820
- Fax numbers—513.946.4837/4818
- Email—county.treasurer@treasurer.hamilton-co.org
- Web address—www.hamilton-co.org/treasurer
- Postal address—Hamilton County Treasurer, 138 East Court St., Cincinnati OH 45202